

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE STURGIS CITY COUNCIL

The Common Council of the City of Sturgis met in special session starting at 6:00 pm on Monday, July 13, 2015 at the Community Center Meade room. Present: Mayor Mark Carstensen, Alderpersons Jason Anderson, Mike Bachand, Rod Bradley, Branden Bestgen, Tony Dargatz (by phone at 6:09 pm), David Hersrud, Adam Martin, and Ronald Waterland. City Manager Ainslie and City Attorney Barnier were also present. Absent: none

Mayor Carstensen called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Motion by Hersrud, second by Anderson and carried with all members voting yes to approve the agenda with the addition of Five-Rock claim for \$62,500.

Motion by Hersrud, second by Waterland and carried with Anderson, Bachand, Bestgen, Hersrud, Martin, Waterland voting yes and Bradley abstaining on setting a public hearing on July 23, 2015 for four (4) special events licenses – Dungeon Bar at the Sturgis Fairgrounds on August 4th and 5th, 2015 for the Half Mile Motorcycle Race; Oasis Bar – Harley-Davidson Rally Point for Rally events on July 31st thru August 8th; One Eyed Jack's Saloon at City Park for Supermoto Race, and motorcycle shows and events on July 30 thru August 8th; One Eyed Jack's Saloon at Sturgis Fairground on August 6, 2015 for a non-traditional dirt track race.

Motion by Hersrud, second by Waterland and carried with all members voting yes on setting a public hearing on July 27, 2015 for Closure of Harley-Davidson Way between Lazelle Street and Main Street. Street closure will take place at 2pm on August 19 and reopen at 10:00pm. An open container for beer consumption (not resale) has also been requested during the street closure on the same property by Sturgis Chamber of Commerce for a Community Picnic which will be held on August 19, 2015 from approximately 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

A motion was made by Bachand, second by Bestgen to approve the following claims: Beyond Basil – Catering for the Rally - \$13,278.75 and Five-Rock – lease of land for Rally - \$62,500. Bachand and Bestgen rescinded their motion.

Motion by Waterland, second by Bestgen and carried with Anderson, Bestgen, Bradley, Hersrud, Martin, Waterland voting yes, Bachand abstaining, to approve the following claims: Beyond Basil – Catering for the Rally - \$13,278.75 and Five-Rock – lease of land for Rally - \$62,500.

Discussion was held on the closing of Kinship Road for the Rally. Councilor Bachand had City Attorney Barnier read letters of opposition for closing Kinship Road from the Meade County Senior Center and Pat and Jerry Casteel.

Motion by Bradley, second by Hersrud and carried with Anderson, Bradley, Carstensen, Hersrud and Martin voting yes and Bachand, Bestgen, Dargatz (by phone) and Waterland voting no to approve the following resolution for closure of Kinship Road. This closure will only be for the 75<sup>th</sup> Rally and will be revisited at a later date in order to find a better location.

### **RESOLUTION 2015-52 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSURE OF KINSHIP STREET**

WHEREAS, the Sturgis® Motorcycle Rally™ will be held in the City of Sturgis, August 3, 2015 through August 9, 2015; and

WHEREAS, to provide a financial benefit to the residents of Sturgis, for more than 10 years, the City has established a sponsorship program, whereby City facilities and assets are leased or partnered with clients to increase their exposure to the hundreds of thousands of visitors in exchange for payments made to the City of Sturgis; and,

WHEREAS, the financial return to the residents of Sturgis has increased from \$474,932 in 2011 to \$1,133,985 in 2014; and,

WHEREAS, this increase return is distributed to residents through charitable contributions to more than 40 organizations determined through the Sturgis Rally Charities Foundation and through reducing the City mill levy to the lowest point in more than 25 years and through more than \$900,000 invested in upgrades to the community center and new equipment for the Public Works and Parks Departments; and,

WHEREAS, the City has previously entered into a Sponsorship agreement with Harley Davidson which will provide for long term stable investment into the Community through both the new downtown Harley-Davidson Rally Point and financial payments which will be used by the City for continued investment in General Fund activities; and,

WHEREAS, a portion of the agreement included leasing the Community Center and surrounding facilities, and that several community members expressed concern with the potential expansion of parking facilities which would be used throughout the year for events at the community center and used during the annual Rally period for entertainment and staging areas for charitable and other rides which raise tens of thousands of dollars annually for local emergency responders; and,

WHEREAS, entrance to the US Post Office facility will continue to be available from Third Street and Williams Street, and

WHEREAS, Kinship Road has been used for more than six years for entertainment and staging for rides and emergency services have completed years of Rally planning and coordination with this scenario, and each safety service has determined that the continued closure of Kinship does not pose an increase safety risk since emergency vehicles will still be able to traverse across Kinship; and,

WHEREAS, emergency personnel and vehicles have historically used 6<sup>th</sup> Street to cross Lazelle and desire to continue to do so, and

WHEREAS, the public displays that will be held on this property enhance visitors' experience and lead to additional sales tax generation and lease revenue, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to accommodate the safe presentation of these Special Events, Kinship Street from Lazelle Street up to the entrance to the Sturgis Post Office shall be closed between 6:00 am Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> through 6:00 pm Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

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Motion by Waterland, second by Hersrud and carried with all members voting yes to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Finance Officer-Fay Bueno

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor- Mark Carstensen

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